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**FAIRFAX COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD
PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE**

**REPORT
ON THE**

CCJB ACTION PLAN

October, 2006

SUMMARY

In September 2001 the Community Criminal Justice Board approved the implementation of the FY'2002 Action Plan with three Goals and related Objectives developed by its Planning Subcommittee.

The Planning Subcommittee is responsible for reporting on Action Plan implementation.

The original Goals were revised in 2003 to both reflect lessons learned and to more effectively address these three continuing needs:

1. Identify improved approaches and efforts to address the mentally ill in contact with the criminal justice system.
2. Identify resources and efforts necessary to improve coordination of community criminal justice services to the public.
3. Update community corrections planning by identifying gaps and solutions for offenders transitioning from incarceration to the community.

This 2005-2006 Report on the Action Plan provides the Community Criminal Justice Board with the Subcommittee's findings and recommendations for future collaborative planning and reporting activities.

FINDINGS

In 2005-2006, the efforts on (1) Mental Illness and Criminal Justice and (3) Community Corrections were fully involved in planning and implementing the innovative Mental Health and Detoxification Jail Diversion program.

In 2005-2006, the efforts on (2) Identify Resources to Improve Criminal Justice, were successful in identifying new resources and expanding the use of existing assets for the coordination of the criminal justice system.

Use of the 2005-2006 objectives to generate major Action Plan activities as well as expanding the timeframe for reports to the Board from one year to two years were both successful.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Support continued Action Plan activities to address all three of the Board's major criminal justice concerns.

Support continued use of the Board's Action Plan efforts on (1) Mental Illness and Criminal Justice and (3) Community Corrections for the Jail Diversion program.

Support a permanent two year reporting period and continue the current Action Plan objectives for the 2007-2008 reporting period.

PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE

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FAIRFAX COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD

2005-2006 ACTION PLAN ACTIVITIES

AND

2007-2008 ACTION PLAN OBJECTIVES

Approved October 26, 2006

In September 2001, the Community Criminal Justice Board approved three goals, with related objectives for implementation as the basis for the 2002 CCJB Action Plan. Activities on the objectives of the Action Plan were undertaken during 2002 as well as 2003.

In 2003, the Action Plan Goals were transformed to reflect the current conditions in which the goals will be achieved.

The focus for each Goal in 2007 and 2008 continues to be what is doable as (1) An information item to the CCJB, (2) A task action to the CCJB, or (3) A policy recommendation to CCJB.

Goal 1:

Identify improved approaches and the coordination efforts to address the mentally ill in contact with the criminal justice system

Subcommittee on Mental Illness and Criminal Justice
Chairmen: James A. Thur, Executive Director
Community Services Board

2005-2006 Accomplishments

- Reviewed best practices models and programs for approaches and efforts to remove the mentally ill from local incarceration.
- Participated in the development of the concept for applying a national Jail Diversion best practices program to Fairfax.
- Participated in identifying the need for reopening the Fairfax County Detoxification Center to serve the identified needs of the population.
- Participated in developing the proposals and implementing the Fairfax Mental Health and Detoxification Center Jail Diversion program.
- Initiated a strategic planning process to identify current and future needs for adult psychiatric hospital beds in Northern Virginia.

2007-2008 Objectives

Objective A: Seek additional funding needed to enhance and sustain mental health services for the Jail Diversion program.

Objective B: Monitor and report on the progress of the Mental Health and Detoxification Jail Diversion program.

Objective C: Monitor and report on the availability of psychiatric hospital beds for Northern Virginia.

Objective D: Review the need for policy and legislative recommendations concerning persons with mental illness who are in contact with the criminal justice system.

Goal 2:

Identify resources and efforts necessary to improve coordination of community criminal justice services to the public

Subcommittee on Unmet Criminal Justice Needs and Resources

Co – Chairmen: Lesley A. Bubenhofer, Chief, Probation and Parole
Hon. Claude J. Beheler, Chief Magistrate

2005-2006 Accomplishments

- Worked with local, state, federal and non-profit entities to maintain and expand funding for community corrections and juvenile justice.
- Supported the State Supreme Court appointment and General Assembly funding of an additional judge for the Fairfax General District Court and an additional judge for the Fairfax Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.
- Completed the third year of the federally funded VASAVOR reentry program and also received a one year extension for the program. VASAVOR focuses the resources to address released serious and violent offender reentry needs/risks for those returning to the Fairfax community.
- Provided the initial structure for the Working Group comprised of CCJB members, citizens and others to explore a Delancey Street Replication.

- Monitored progress of O.A.R. of Fairfax's development of the Beacon Project made possible by that agency's receipt of \$500,000 in federal start-up funding to develop a program replication in Fairfax.
- Received continuing support from the County to translate the English language Fairfax criminal justice system video to Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese and Arabic.
- Continued the successful CCJB agency internal contact list to strengthen interagency coordination.
- Expanded the Community Criminal Justice Board web page on to include both the Fairfax City Web Site and the original Fairfax County Web site to improve public communication.
- Restructured the Criminal Justice Information Technology Committee based on the CCJB model to share agency information to identify resources and methods to improve the application and use of information technology.

2007-2008 Objectives

Objective A: Study ways to expand use of local, state, federal or private sector resources and efforts for key community criminal justice initiatives and programs.

Objective B: Identify and evaluate gaps in coordination for community criminal justice programs and define remedies to improve and strengthen coordination.

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Objective C: Identify and implement emerging criminal justice coordination improvements and emerging technologies with the potential to significantly improve the delivery of services.

Objective D: Provide Community Criminal Justice Board coordination activity information to the public.

Goal 3:
Update community corrections planning by identifying gaps and solutions for offenders transitioning from incarceration to living in the community.

Subcommittee on Community Corrections
Chairman: Hon. Stan Barry, Sheriff

2005-2006 Accomplishments

- Strongly supported the development and performance of the VASAVOR program providing public safety and reentry for serious and violent offenders returning to their Fairfax community.
- Reviewed best practices models and programs for approaches and efforts to remove the mentally ill from local incarceration.
- Participated in the development of the concept for applying a national Jail Diversion best practices program to Fairfax.
- Identified the need to reopen the Fairfax County Detoxification Center to serve the identified population.
- Participated in developing and implementing the Mental Health and Detoxification Jail Diversion program.

2007-2008 Objectives

Objective A: Identify approaches to enhance and sustain Mental Health and Detoxification Jail Diversion in Fairfax County.

Objective B: Monitor and report on the progress of the Mental Health and Detoxification Jail Diversion program.

Objective C: Review approaches to sustain a reentry type effort in Fairfax after federal funding for the current program is expended.

Objective D: Review the need for additional community corrections initiatives to address additional population diverted from incarceration.